

# CROSS ROADS TIMES

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MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

# FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK



**T. LYNN TOMPKINS, JR.  
MAYOR OF CROSS ROADS**

## Welcome Fall!

The 2022-2023 Fiscal Year ended on September 30th. While it will still take about six months to close out the books and have the audit prepared, I am pleased to announce that our revenues exceeded our budget projections by almost \$250,000 and our expenses were more than \$200,000 less than what was budgeted. This leaves a General Fund balance of almost \$1,100,000 and nearly \$1,050,000 in the Road Improvement Fund.

The Council conducted a special meeting on October 12th to specifically discuss road maintenance projects that will be bid out with the intent to complete crack seal and pothole repairs in several locations prior to any winter events to help protect our roads from deterioration. The Council also directed Staff to move up engineering design for road rehabilitation projects from mid-2024 to early-2024 since we have funds available.

With the holiday shopping season upon us, please remember shopping in Cross Roads helps us maintain no Town property taxes! Last year, over 79% of our revenue came from sales tax! Fighting that extra traffic on 380 during construction or making sure online orders indicate "Cross Roads" as the mailing address instead of Aubrey are simple steps that can be taken to help do your part to protect the property tax free status! While you are at it, encourage your friends and family to shop in Cross Roads as well.

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 an armistice was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in World War I. This was the beginning of what we now observe as Veterans Day, a day set aside to thank and honor all who served honorably in the military, including the living veterans. I would like to personally thank all of our veterans for their service. We are fortunate to have a group of veterans that have come together to establish the Cross Roads Veterans Advisory Committee. The CRVAC's mission is "To develop a committee of engaged citizens, actively developing and supporting a growing veteran community. With a focus on developing policies and programs that will honor veterans and establish Cross Roads as a Veteran-ready community." More information is available at [crveterans.org](http://crveterans.org).

Respectfully, Mayor T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr.

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# MDD & CRPD

## MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (MDD)

The Cross Roads Municipal Development is an economic development entity whose members are appointed by the Town Council. The CRMDD is funded through a quarter of a cent sales tax from businesses within the Town of Cross Roads and within the Town’s extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ).

The CRMDD has assumed the responsibility of funding the Town’s monthly newsletter in an effort to help promote the Town’s businesses. Future newsletters will contain highlights of businesses in our community in addition to the regular information that has been included in The Cross Roads Times.

If you are interested in having your Cross Roads business featured in a future newsletter, please contact [news@cossroadstx.gov](mailto:news@cossroadstx.gov).

***DID YOU KNOW?***



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs identifies Veterans Day (with no apostrophe) as the correct way to spell the day we honor and thank all veterans.

According to their website, “Veterans Day does not include an apostrophe but does include an “s” at the end of “veterans” because it is not a day that “belongs” to veterans, it is a day honoring all veterans.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Citizens joined the Cross Roads Police Department in the Cross Roads Town on the evening of October 3rd for the department’s annual National Night Out event.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community.

The PD was joined by the Little Elm Fire Department and the Ex Hillbilly’s food truck. It was a fun night of games, give-aways, and spreading important information.

## LEAVING FOR THE HOLIDAYS?

Sign up for Close Patrol Vacation Watch and have CRPD Officers keep an eye on your property while you are out of town.



<https://bit.ly/3FqnyYQ>

# AROUND TOWN

## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

### 11-07-1977

The Town Council passed an ordinance establishing zoning regulations and districts in accordance with a comprehensive plan. This is the first comprehensive plan of the Town.

### 11-30-1981

At the Town Council meeting, a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission suggested that Cross Roads join the Texas Municipal League. This suggestion was approved by the Council and Cross Roads joined the TML.

### 11-24-1997

The Town Council passed an ordinance regulating the location of establishments providing off premises sale and on premises sale of alcoholic beverages. Under this ordinance, restaurants located within 1,000 feet of any hospital, public or private school or church or within 500 feet of any residential district were prohibited from selling alcohol. This ordinance also outlines the prohibition of the consumption of alcohol on the premise of any business other than authorized restaurants and all businesses that sell alcohol for consumption, even for off premise consumption, could not be within 500 feet of a hospital, public or private school, church, or residential district.

### 11-13-2007

The Town Council approved contracting with Careflite. This contract granted membership to all households in Cross Roads. Membership eliminates out of pocket cost for medically necessary transports. The costs not covered by a member's health insurance are absorbed by the membership program. This program is still available and residents can sign up by emailing [d.butler@crossroadstx.gov](mailto:d.butler@crossroadstx.gov).

## PARKS BOARD FUNDRAISER



Cross Roads Parks and Recreation Presents:

**Cross Roads Community Cookbook**

*A community cookbook made by local community members submitting their favorite and/or family recipes*

<http://bit.ly/3PMNGIH>

The Parks and Recreation Board is looking for recipes contributions for their Cross Roads Community Cookbook fundraiser. Scan the QR code or use the link below to sign up!



## HOLIDAY MARKETS

The Parks and Recreation Board will be hosting Holiday Markets On Saturday, November 18th and Saturday, December 16th from 9am to 2pm in the Cross Roads Town Park. Come on out and support your local Cross Roads vendors!



# SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

## CROSS ROADS VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE: A BEACON OF SUPPORT FOR VETERANS



**Cross Roads, Texas** - In a remarkable display of community spirit and a heartfelt commitment to honoring our nation's veterans, a new nonprofit charity has emerged on the horizon: the **Cross Roads Veterans Advisory Committee** (CRVAC). Founded in the heart of Cross Roads, Texas, this organization is poised to make a significant impact on the lives of veterans and their families. Under the leadership of Chairman **Christian Cook** and Vice Chairman **Brian Lagano**, both former United States Army Officers, the CRVAC is charting a path towards a brighter future for veterans and the community.

Christian Cook, who once served as a Scout Platoon Leader and Company Commander, and Brian Lagano, a skilled Black Hawk Helicopter pilot, have combined their expertise, leadership, and unwavering dedication to bring this noble initiative to life. Their shared vision is to develop a committee of engaged citizens actively involved in supporting a growing veteran community while creating policies and programs that will solidify Cross Roads as a Veteran-ready community.

The Cross Roads Veterans Advisory Committee is a beacon of hope for veterans in need of support, recognition, and a sense of belonging. Their mission goes beyond mere words, as they are dedicated to taking concrete actions to enhance the lives of veterans in the area.

One of the key features of CRVAC's efforts is its commitment to community engagement. By involving the community at large, the charity aims to foster a sense of unity, appreciation, and understanding among veterans and civilians alike. They believe that by working together, they can create a more inclusive and compassionate environment for veterans to thrive.

Through its website, [www.crveterans.org](http://www.crveterans.org), the Cross Roads Veterans Advisory Committee invites everyone to join their mission. Visitors to the site can sign up for updates on upcoming activities, events, and initiatives aimed at

supporting veterans. The website also offers a convenient way for those who wish to contribute to the cause to make donations, ensuring that CRVAC can continue its vital work.

By supporting CRVAC, you are not just contributing to a charity; you are becoming part of a community that truly cares about its veterans. The organization's dedication to creating policies and programs that honor and empower veterans is a testament to the values and principles that make Cross Roads a special place.

The launch of the Cross Roads Veterans Advisory Committee marks a significant milestone in the community's commitment to veterans' well-being. With Christian Cook and Brian Lagano at the helm, this nonprofit organization is poised to make a lasting impact on the lives of veterans in Cross Roads and beyond.

As we embark on this journey alongside CRVAC, we encourage you to visit their website, sign up for updates, and consider making a donation. Together, we can ensure that veterans receive the support and recognition they truly deserve, and Cross Roads can stand proudly as a Veteran-ready community for generations to come.



**Written by Christian Cook, Chairman**

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Cross Roads Parks & Rec/Market:  
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## The Town of Cross Roads, TX

### ***Elected Officials:***

*T. Lynn Tompkins, Jr., Mayor*  
*David Meek, Mayor Pro Tem*  
*Ron King, Council Member*  
*Steve Zuczek, Council Member*  
*Chris Paus, Council Member*  
*Stephanie Housewright, Council Member*

### ***Staff:***

*Kristi Gilbert, Town Administrator*  
*Shaun Short, Police Chief*  
*Donna Butler, Town Secretary*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- The November Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, November 16th at 6:00 pm** at the Police Department and on Zoom.
- Planning and Zoning Commission meets the 1st Tuesday of each month, 7:00 pm at the Police Department and on Zoom.
- Park and Recreation Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Police Department.
- Municipal Development District meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Police Department.

All meetings, agendas, and support materials are posted online at least 72 hours prior to the meeting. For additional information, please contact the Town Secretary.